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INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLESLetter dated 9 December 1966 from the Permanent Representative of
Ethiopia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

With reference to the letter addressed to Your Excellency by His Excellency Ambassador Farah of the Republic of Somalia on 6 December 1966 and circulated in document A/6558, I wish to make the following clarification which I hope will remove any misunderstanding that may have arisen from my letter of 1 December 1966 (A/6538).

The information that the Republic of Somalia was co-sponsor of the OAU resolution under the item of "so-called French Somaliland (Djibouti)" was given to my Mission by the OAU Office here in New York and was apparently, and as now explained to us by the Secretariat of the OAU, based on information contained in a document which referred to some initiative taken by the Somali Delegation earlier on in the negotiations.

I have now confirmed that though neither Ethiopia nor Somalia co-sponsored the draft resolution in question, they voted for the resolution in its final form.

I would be grateful if you would be good enough to have this letter circulated as a General Assembly document at your earliest convenience.

(Signed) Endalkachew MAKONNEN
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to the United Nations